



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Policing of the City's Parks
MEETING DATE: June 5, 1996
SUBMITTED BY: Lodi Police Department Chief and Parks and Recreation Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council approve the restructuring of the park ranger force thereby allowing policing of the parks by uniformed city police officers and to approve transfer of funds from the parks ranger account in the amount of \$65,000 to accommodate this proposal.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Parks and Recreation Commission at its May 7, 1996 meeting approved a request from the Parks and Recreation and Police department staff to reorganize the park ranger program to accommodate the policing of the city's park system by the Police Department.

The new ranger program would be structured in a way to accommodate the needs of the Parks and Recreation Department to continue its interpretive program needs at Lodi Lake ie., the Discovery Center, wilderness area tours, safari river tours and special events. Funding would also remain in the ranger account to facilitate gate operations at Lodi Lake as well as allow adequate staffing to open and close parks and restrooms at various park sites in the community. (See attached Exhibit A).

If approved by the council, this restructuring program will commence July 1, 1996 with the new budget year. The Police Department will allocate one (1) new police officer position to be stationed at Lodi Lake and direct its beat officer operations to police all park facilities. The new police officer will operate out of the new maintenance/ranger office building to be completed shortly as part of this program. Other support from the Police Department will include beat officers, police partners, bicycles patrol and horse patrol as needed.

FUNDING: Transfer of \$65,000 from the Parks Divisions Ranger account to the police department to fund one (1) police officer position. (This leaves \$40,000 in Parks Ranger account for continued operations).

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APPROVED: _____

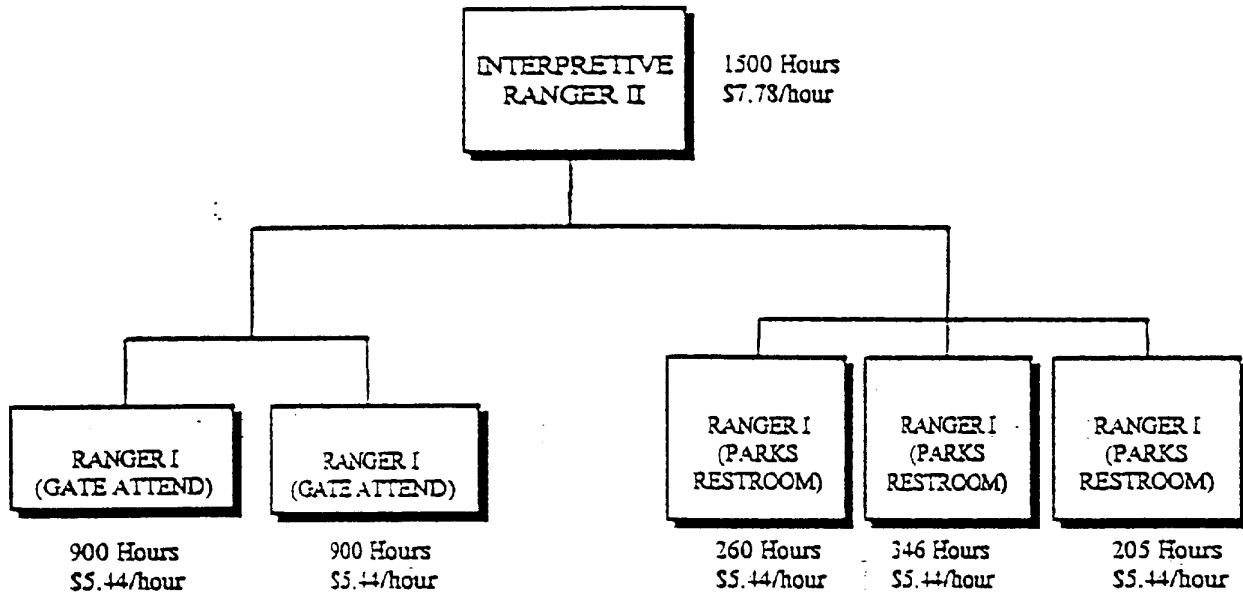
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Exhibit A

PROPOSED REORGANIZATION



COST OF PROGRAM

SALARIES W/BENEFITS	\$30,000
OTHER COSTS	3,000
INTERPRETIVE STUDY/ CONSULTANT	<u>2,000</u>
TOTAL COST	\$40,000